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CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS IN TEXAS.

Cerebrospinal meningitis was reported present in Texas, January 9, in 12 localities, with a total of approximately 300 known cases, occurring to that date. On January 16 Passed Asst. Surg. von Ezdorf was directed to confer with the State health authorities of Texas and to investigate the prevalence of the disease. He reported January 20 that the principal points of prevalence were Austin (5 cases, 1 death), Dallas (about 200 cases), Waco (100 cases, 39 deaths), Fort Worth (37 cases, 18 deaths), Houston (8 cases), and that in 36 towns and counties in various parts of the State 95 other cases had been reported.

Dr. von Ezdorf further reported January 25 that to that date there had been 61 cases with 27 deaths at Fort Worth since December, and 249 cases with 110 deaths at Dallas since October.

On January 20, Surg. Guiteras at Galveston reported that a death from cerebrospinal meningitis occurred January 19 in the person of a Negro dock laborer, age about 35 years, who had not been absent from Galveston for several months, and that a case suspicious of the same disease was reported there January 20.

CASE OF LEPROSY IN INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Dr. Charles S. Woods, commissioner of public health and charities, of Indianapolis, reports that on December 26, 1911, a case of leprosy was notified to the department of public health and charities. The patient is Mrs. L. B., age 61, colored, widow, living in Indianapolis. She was born in Hawkins County, Tenn., about 60 miles from Knoxville. Her mother was free and her father was a slave. She moved to Knoxville, Tenn., during her childhood and lived there until May, 1907, when she moved to Indianapolis. She did general housework and laundry work while in Tennessee and since living in Indianapolis has done laundry work. She gives no history of leprosy in the family nor does she remember ever having seen a case. The source of the infection is unknown.

She has had six children, two living, one died at age of 18 months and the other three at over 20 years of age. Her husband died about 15 years ago. She has always been well. In the fall of 1907 (before she left Tennessee) a spot appeared on her forehead which felt as if she had been stung by a bee. This later became a nodule.

The case is one of tubercular leprosy and during the past few months there have been rapid progress and change. There is some sensory disturbance, but the case has few of the anæsthetic characteristics. A microscopic examination has been made repeatedly and the lepra bacillus is microscopically demonstrable. The facies is characteristic. Some enlargement of the left ulnar nerve is present. The skin of the body is involved and there are numerous nodules on the chest, arms, and legs.

The patient is absolutely quarantined.